

Senate body votes loan for NYC

WASHINGTON, June 15 (R). — The U.S. Senate Banking Committee today voted 15-0 to authorize up to \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees for financially ailing New York City. But the panel did not finalize all provisions of the guarantee bill, including conditions that may have to be met before the guarantees can be approved. The committee was to meet again later today to try to complete the bill, proposed earlier this year by the Carter administration and passed by the House of Representatives last week. The House version of the measure called for \$2 billion in guarantees as originally proposed by the administration to help save the city from bankruptcy.

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Spanish King visits Peking today

TEHRAN, June 15 (R). — Spain hopes to sign a trade agreement with China during a visit by King Juan Carlos to Peking starting tomorrow, Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja Aguirre said here today. He said the agreement would be the framework for relations between Spain and China, which established formal ties in 1973. Madrid now wanted deeper contacts with Peking, he said. Mr. Oreja told a press conference that if there was any Soviet displeasure over King Juan Carlos' visit to China -- his first to a communist country since he was crowned in November 1975 -- it had not been expressed on the diplomatic level.

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Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor are married in ceremony at Zahran Palace



Following the Royal wedding ceremony on Thursday, Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor are joined at the receiving line by Mr. and Mrs. Najeeb Halaby.



During the wedding ceremony Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor clasp hands watched by (from left to right) Crown Prince Hassan, Chief Justice Ibrahim Qatari and Prince Mohammad.



AMMAN, June 15 (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein and Miss Noor Halaby were married here this afternoon and Miss Halaby was proclaimed Queen, according to a statement from the Royal Hashemite Court. Following is the full text of the official announcement as carried by the Jordan News Agency.

"The Royal Hashemite Court has great pleasure in announcing to the beloved Jordanian people that His Majesty King Hussein and Miss Noor Halaby, the daughter of Mr. Najeeb Halaby, were married at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, the 15th of June, 1978 at Zahran Palace.

"The marriage ceremony of His Majesty King Hussein and the Moslem Miss Halaby was conducted by the Islamic chief justice in the presence of Their Royal Highness' Prince Mohammad and Prince Hassan, members of the Hashemite Family, Mr. Najeeb Halaby and members of the Halaby family, the prime minister, the president of the Upper House, the president of the National Consultative Council, the chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, the minister of the Royal Hashemite Court and the commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

"Following the wedding ceremony. Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor received senior members of the government, army and diplomatic corps and their wives who presented their congratulations and expressed their best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Their Majesties hoping that this happy occasion will usher in a prosperous and blessed beginning for Jordan and its people."

The 26-year-old bride, looking radiant in a simple white silk Dior wedding dress, signed her new name of Noor Al Hussein (Light of Hussein) in Arabic on the marriage contract.

She seemed poised and confident throughout the four-minute ceremony, which consisted of signing the contract and the couple reciting the marriage vows as set out in the Quran.

The bride, with a hand of woven white flowers holding her hair in place, held a string of white orchids while a long, white veil trailed behind her.

Afterwards, the couple went out to pose for photographs, both smiling and the bride had to hold her veil as a light breeze pulled it under her feet.

The couple then went on to cut a one-metre high seven-tier cake in the gardens of the sandstone Zahran Palace where the ceremony took place.

The bride wore white diamond earrings and a diamond bracelet and smiled broadly. She was the only woman at the marriage ceremony.

Apart from the bride's father, also present were Their Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Prince Mohammad.

The wife of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Grace, was present at the reception; she is an old friend of the bride's mother.

After the signing of the marriage contract the couple clasped each other's right hands and later the two princes kissed their new sister-in-law lightly on each cheek, and said "mabrouk".

When the couple came out for photographs an army band struck up "Colonel Bogey".

The bride joins a select band of American women who have married royalty. The others include Grace Kelly who married Prince Rainier of Monaco and Hope Cooke who married the ruler of Sikkim.

PLO man in Kuwait shot dead

KUWAIT, June 15 (Agencies). — Mr. Ali Yasin, considered to be a "moderate" representative of the Palestinian movement, was shot dead in Kuwait today and the Fatah commando organisation, of which he was a member, accused the rulers of Iraq of responsibility for the killing.

Fatah, the largest guerrilla group within the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said Beirut that the assassination had been carried out by "mercenaries" who are protected and guided by the Iraqi government.

Mr. Yasin's body was found with five bullet wounds in the chest and back.

It said an autopsy revealed he had been hit by eight bullets. Mr. Yasin, 40, was a founder member of Fatah.

Informal sources in Kuwait said that Mr. Yasin was shot when he answered the door at his home. He had been PLO representative in Kuwait since 1971.

Before he worked for group within the Palestine Liberation Organisation, he was a journalist at Kuwaiti Radio.

There was no immediate clue as to the motives for the killing.

11:00 local time (08:00 GMT). The Kuwaiti Interior Ministry said today that a pistol was used in the killing.

Sources here described him as an ardent supporter of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. "He was not the talkative type. He kept his statements to a minimum," one Palestinian source said.

Several times in recent years, Mr. Yasin was instrumental in persuading extremist hijackers who landed in Kuwait to surrender after securing promises of safe conduct.

Mr. Yasin's killing comes six months after the assassination of Sa'id Hamami, PLO representative in London last January.

An extremist Palestinian group claimed responsibility, charging Mr. Hamami supported efforts to launch an Arab-Israeli dialogue.

Representatives of the PLO in Paris, Rome and Nicosia have also been assassinated in recent years.

October elections expected in U.K.

LONDON, June 15 (R). — Britain today expected a general election in October after its minority Labour government only just scraped through a tense confidence vote in parliament. Opinion polls showed the Labour Party and the opposition Conservatives running neck to neck, with 45.5 per cent for each.

Last night's confidence vote demonstrated that Prime Minister James Callaghan's government cannot hope to survive in parliament for another 16 months until its mandate expires next year. It survived the vote on its economic policy, by 287 votes to 282, after Mr. Callaghan had threatened to dissolve parliament and precipitate a general election next month if he was defeated.

The small Liberal Party is committed to support the government on confidence issues under a pact which expires when the present session of parliament ends next month. But the 13 Liberal members of parliament, who feel they have been handled roughly by Chancellor of the Exchequer (Finance Minister) Denis Healey, allowed the government to survive last night by merely abstaining in the confidence vote. The Liberals have already announced they will not renew the unique pact with Labour which they entered with the declared aim of helping the government to tackle the nation's economic woes.

Politicians said last night's parliamentary arithmetic made the expected October election almost certain.

Rightists turn back U.N. troops trying to deploy in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, June 15 (R). — Rightist militias turned back United Nations troops who tried to enter an area under their control in southern Lebanon today, informed sources said. The sources gave no details, but said there seemed to be no immediate prospect of the U.N. peace-keeping force (UNIFIL) deploying in the volatile border region.

The leaders of three rightist militias told Israeli-based reporters at the border yesterday that their men would fight any U.N. troops who tried to take over their positions.

Western military sources reported some trouble today between the rightists themselves at their headquarters in Marjoun, in the eastern sector.

They said there was conflict between rightwing soldiers who were still nominally attached to the regular Lebanese army

and militiamen. Maj. Sa'd Haddad, overall commander of the rightist forces was trying to end the factional squabble.

The sources said the situation was confused and details of the incident were not yet known.

The reports came amid continuing controversy over the status of the mainly-Christian rightwing irregular forces, which took over positions evacuated by Israeli troops on Tuesday.

The militias have so far refused to allow UNIFIL to enter a 10 km. deep belt of territory stretching along the border from the Mediterranean to the foothills of Mount Hermon.

The military sources said Western diplomats believed Israel was trying to maintain control of this "security belt" through its alliance with the rightists.

U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said yesterday the Lebanese government had provisionally recognised Maj. Haddad as de facto commander of the Lebanese forces in the area, in order to facilitate UNIFIL's mission. Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss, however, declined to confirm this today.

Dr. Al Hoss told Reuters: "There is a misunderstanding on the matter and we are trying to resolve this with the U.N. Secretariat through our U.N. delegate."

"As to the government's true stand, I have already expressed this in my statement yesterday."

The prime minister said yesterday that UNIFIL should be responsible for security throughout the south, without exception.

He said in his statement that military units in the area had been ordered to stay in their barracks on the entry of the U.N. force.

A Reuters correspondent in the south today reported seeing

the rightists patrolling all main roads along the border in half-track military vehicles.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, in his first public statement on the Israeli withdrawal, described it last night as a "fictional operation" which had left "internal Zionists" in control of the border region.

As trouble continued in the south, the government held urgent talks with security chiefs to try and avoid renewed clashes between rival rightwing groups in the north.

The discussions focussed on the killing of 33 people, including the son of former President Suleiman Franjeh, in an attack by Phalangist Party members on the mountain resort of Hiden on Tuesday.

Relatives of the dead, supporters of Mr. Franjeh's parliamentary bloc, yesterday vowed to take bloody revenge on the killers.

Belgian premier resigns

BRUSSELS, June 15 (R). — Belgian Prime Minister Leo Tindemans today submitted his resignation, but King Baudouin asked for time to decide whether to accept it, it was announced here.

The prime minister's resignation followed an all-night cabinet session at which two major parties in the four-party coalition, Mr. Tindemans' Social Christian and the Socialists, failed to agree on how to tighten public spending.

The official announcement said: "The prime minister offered the king his government's resignation. The king asked to reserve his reply."

Begin reportedly threatens to resign

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 15 (AP). — Reliable sources said today Prime Minister Menachem Begin may resign cabinet refuses to follow on the future of the West Bank and the Strip.

The sources added that it appears to be winning his cabinet colleagues' support close to his critical debate.

Net crisis is the tolling Mr. Begin has

since taking office one year ago. Premier Begin, reportedly suffering from fatigue, has dropped his office routine to stay home and concentrate on uniting his cabinet factions behind a compromise proposal.

The debate is over how Israel should reply to two questions put to the government by the United States: Is Israel prepared to negotiate final settlement for the West Bank at the end of a five-year transition period? If so, what would

be the mechanism for determining the settlement?

The sources said Mr. Begin is opposing two other camps, led by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who advocate giving Washington the firm commitment it seeks.

Premier Begin has made no open threats to resign if he fails to carry his cabinet, but sources close to the prime minister say he would not carry out a cabinet decision that went against his principles.

Mr. Begin's resignation would topple the government, but would not necessarily mean new elections. Another leader could be chosen by his Likud bloc to form a new cabinet to rule until the next scheduled election in 1981.

The cabinet crisis has overshadowed renewed reports that Premier Begin's ill health may cut short his term in office. But rumours that Mr. Begin is refusing to have needed heart surgery were discounted by his personal secretary.

"I spoke to his doctors yesterday and was assured that his heart is 100 per cent and his pressure is like that of a 17-year-old," the secretary told reporters.

Premier Begin has proposed a plan granting 1.1 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza autonomy. The plan states that Israel would review the arrangements after five years.

The United States is suggesting that the Begin plan be negotiated as an interim measure and it wants Israel to agree to further talks at the end of the transition period. The Palestinians also should be given a voice in determining their future, according to Washington.

He was the first head of state to be forced from office in Israel since the fall of Fascism. Former President Antonio Segni resigned prematurely for health reasons in 1964.

President Leone resigns

an honest man as president of the republic.

"I maintain I have served the country with constitutional propriety and moral dignity."

Mr. Leone, who was due to end his seven-year term in the largely ceremonial office of head of state in December, added that he had no regrets about resigning.

He ended his recorded message by saying simply: "I hope for progress and justice in civil

life for you and our country."

The crisis of the presidency, coming only weeks after the trauma of the murder of ex-Premier Aldo Moro, moved to a swift climax tonight after a powerful Communist Party demanded Mr. Leone's resignation.

In his broadcast, Mr. Leone declared: "I have a duty to tell you -- and you as Italian citizens have the right to be assured by me -- that for six years-and-a-half you have had

ould not be anything else but this," Mr. Leone said.

Senate President Amintore Fanfani, 70, becomes interim head of state pending the election of a new president by the two houses of parliament and representatives of Italy's 20 regions.

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June 15 (R). — Italian President Giovanni Leone today announced his resignation in the face of accusations of tax evasion and financial irregularities.

Speaking in a nation-wide television broadcast, Mr. Leone, 69, said he made the decision to counter sensational reports about his financial affairs.

"The moment in which the defamatory campaign seemed to have struck the confidence of political forces, my choice co-

lution in Panama was reported at the White House to have questioned down this morning the information available was sketchy and officials were not able to make a detailed assessment.

Some violence has broken out in Panama since the announcement of the resignation, with people resorting to the right to intervene with troops to keep the canal open after the surrendering control.

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Scenes from the royal wedding

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Troubles north and south

The events in Lebanon during the past week do not lend much weight to the old argument that, with time, everything works itself out in fine Phoenician form. Rather, it would probably be more accurate to say that with time everything in Lebanon will end up with a bullet through its heart. The latest act of savagery that resulted in the death of Tony Frangieh and his family and supporters would be enough to turn any country into one big state of emergency. But in Lebanon, one's sensibilities have been so shocked during the past three years that it becomes almost impossible for any single act of madness to stand out from the general madness that reigns there.

The fact that Israel's occupation army has withdrawn from the south and turned over its positions to the rag-tag forces of Major Haddad, while events in the north of Lebanon are so disquieting, is a bad sign, but another bad sign among the enormity of Lebanon's difficulties seems somehow, and sadly, unimportant.

The general lack of security that prevails throughout all of Lebanon is a fact of life in the current circumstances, and it is unrealistic to expect any major political developments while there is no central authority in the country capable of enforcing a minimal degree of security. That job is partly done by the Lebanese army, the Arab peace-keepers, the U.N. peace-keepers and the various factional armies under the command of Lebanese politicians. They are all collectively a sign of Lebanon's spirited lawlessness, and they all dramatise that no combination of foreign peace-makers can make peace as well as an indigenous Lebanese army under the control of a Lebanese leadership that has the kind of real authority that stems only from legitimacy. That legitimate authority is still lacking, and the purely domestic tragedy of northern Lebanon this week is probably more a cause of this than a symptom.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Commenting on the fighting which broke out in north Lebanon between supporters of ex-President Suleiman Frangieh and the Phalangist Party, in which Frangieh lost his son and several dozen people were killed on both sides, AL RA'I Thursday noted that the fighting broke out in the north just as the Israeli forces were pulling out from the south.

The newspaper asks whether a new Lebanon could arise from the ashes of such vendettas. It says the state should assert its authority in the north through the Arab League Deterrent Force as it is trying to assert itself in the south through the United Nations Truce Supervision Force in Lebanon; otherwise, the mass-acres will continue into which the National Liberal Party might be dragged as well.

Al Ra'i thinks that the arrival of the Arab Deterrent Force on the scene of clashes came in the nick of time to contain a plot to divide Lebanon into communal mini-states and to impose order and security. Therefore, the newspaper says, the legitimate Lebanese authority has to think seriously about allowing the deterrent force to be deployed in areas from which it has hitherto been kept out, such as the Maronite areas in the north, "before it is too late."

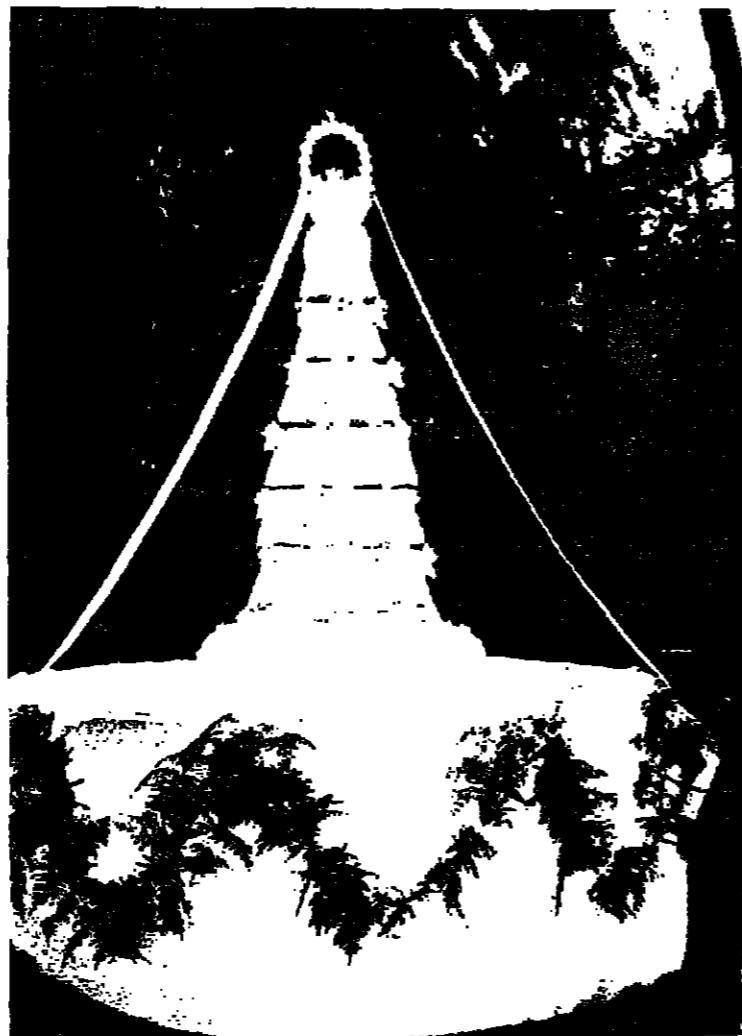
NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Jordan Times has started publishing a weekly rundown of events and activities taking place in Jordan. The section is called Jordan Weekly Calendar and will appear each Friday for a look at the week ahead.

We invite all clubs, societies, cultural centres and schools to inform us of their activities, exhibitions, meetings and outings that are open to the public. Help us help you to publicise your public events: charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, art, photo or commercial exhibitions, theatrical performances, films, lectures and sporting events.

Be sure to inform us of your activities in plenty of time for these items to be published in the weekly listing.

The Jordan Times will also continue to publish daily notices of events under the WHAT'S GOING ON section each day as well as the weekly listing. Please write to us at P.O. Box 6710, telephone 67171 or call in at our offices on the Amman-Sweileh road.



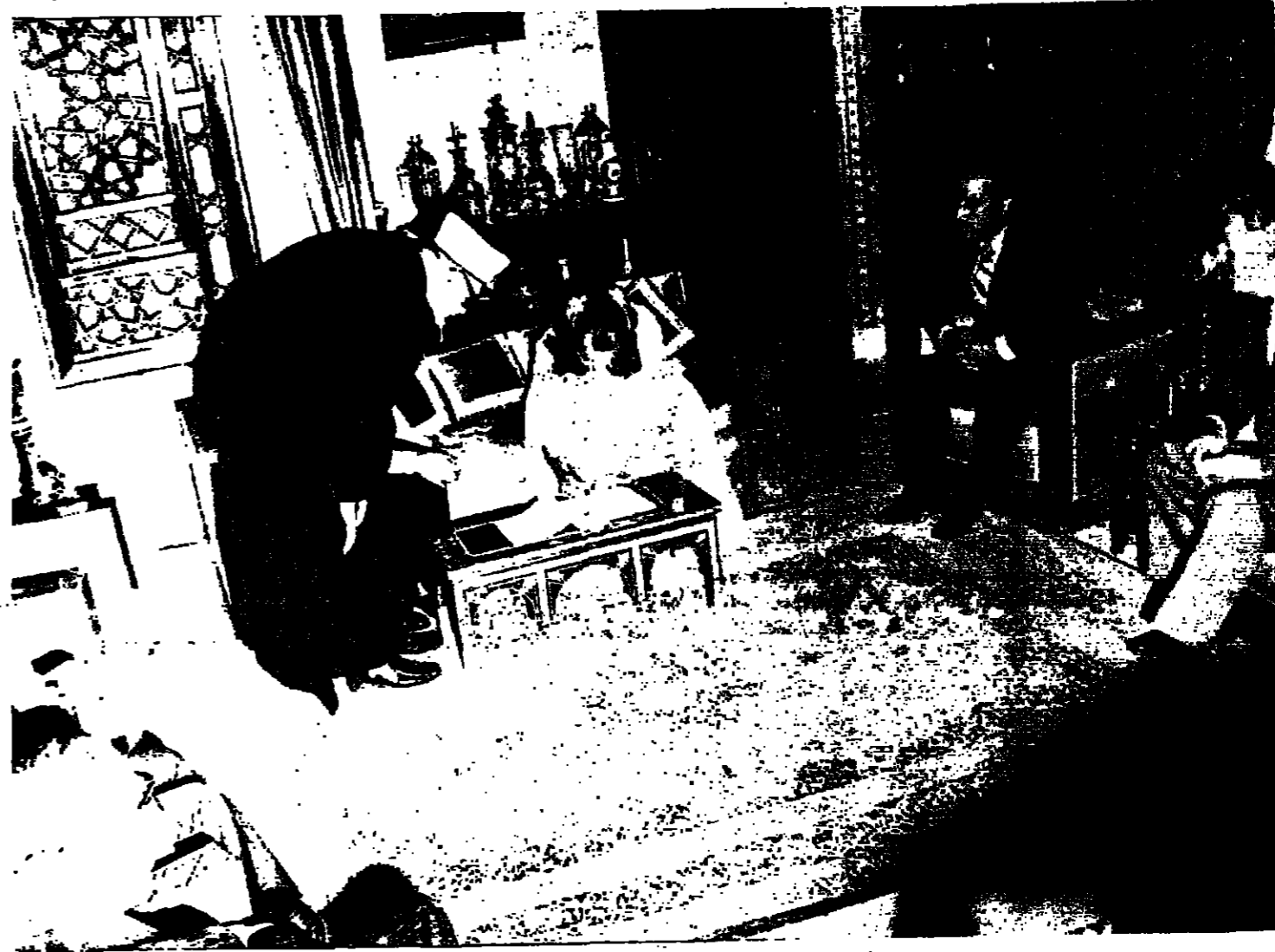
The wedding cake, a seven-tier fruitcake with the initials H. and N. at its crest, stands on a decorated table in the garden of Zahran Palace.



His Majesty King Hussein signs the marriage document Thursday at the Zahran Palace ceremony. To his left are Her Majesty Queen Noor, His Highness Prince Mohammad and the bride's father Najeeb Halaby. To his right is Chief Justice Ibrahim Qattan.



A member of the Royal Cavalry Guard stands at attention.



Her Majesty Queen Noor signs the marriage document.



The King and Queen pose for members of the press.



King Hussein wields the golden sword with which he is about to cut the wedding cake.



Jordan Weekly Calendar

(Week of June 16-June 22)

EXHIBITS

CONTINUING: "Britain and the World of Islam" is the title of an exhibition based on the World of Islam Festival which was held in Britain in 1976. The exhibition includes pictures, photographs, posters, records and films, plus an exhibition of over 400 British books on the Middle East. British Council. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. daily except Sunday. Till June 24.

MONDAY, June 19: Photo exhibit on the occasion of the USSR Youth Day. Soviet Cultural Centre. 6:30 p.m.

FILMS

TUESDAY, June 20: "Britain and the World of Islam" films. British Council garden. 8:15 p.m. daily for three days.

TUESDAY, June 20: Russian ballet film festival opens today with "The Legend of the Hunch-backed Horse." Soviet Cultural Centre. 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, June 22: "Spartacus". Second film in the Russian ballet film festival. Soviet Cultural Centre. 6:30 p.m.

LECTURE

HURSDAY, June 22: "Archaeological Sites to Explore This Summer in Jordan," by Dr. James A. Sauer of the American Center of Oriental Research. Includes slide presentation. slide presentation. American Community School, Multi-purpose Room.

ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY, June 16: A folk music programme performed by the Haya Arts Centre Children's Chorus of Ruseifa. Haya Arts Centre Public Park. 4:30 p.m. Open invitation.



A selection of drums featured in the World of Islam Festival in Britain in 1976: double naqara from Rabat, Morocco; square duff from Fez, Morocco; three daf or tambourines from Damascus, Syria; a large daira with rings to jingle, inland all over the front with khatam work, Tehran, Iran; an agoual, tall goblet drum from Fez, Morocco; and six examples of the tarjias used by children in Fez, Morocco.

Short list formed of eight consultant firms to conduct Hijaz Railway feasibility study

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 15 — The names of the eight consultant firms short listed for the contract to carry out a feasibility study of "one of the biggest projects in the Middle East" — the reconstruction of the ancient Hijaz Railway, were disclosed today to the Jordan Times.

Mr. Hashem Taher, Under Secretary at the Ministry of Transport, said that the Supreme Commission of the Hijaz Railway, had given approval during its meeting at the beginning of this week in Damascus to the following short list of mainly joint venture companies chosen from among 21 applicants:

-- Transmark, Rendel Palmer and Tritton; Mott, Hay and Anderson (a joint venture of British firms).

-- Soteci (of Italy); the Economic Intelligence Unit (of the U.K.).

-- Freeman Fox Int. Ltd. (U.K.); Hundersen Hughes and Busby (U.K.); Pracs (of Pakistan).

-- Tippetts, Abbott, McCarthy and Stratton (TAMS, of the U.S.); Canadian Pacific, Tecsult Int. Ltd. (Canada).

-- Canac Consults Ltd. (Canada).

-- Sofrerail, Sogelerg, SGTR (France); Parsons Prinkertoff Centec Int. Ltd. (of the U.S.).

-- Delew Cather Int. Inc. (U.S.); Louis Berger Int. Inc. (U.S.); Rites (India).

-- German Consult; Swindell Dressler Int. Co. (U.S.).

(The list is in no special order.)

These companies will now be asked to submit financial bids and the technical details of how they propose to conduct a feasibility study for the 1,300



The Supreme Commission of the Hijaz Railway is seen in joint session in Damascus with the Technical Committee of the project Mr. Ali Al Suheimat, Minister of Transport (right in light suit) is seated between Mr. Hashem Taher, Under-secretary at the Ministry of Transport and the Saudi Arabian delegation. The Syrian team is on the left.

km. standard-gauge line from Damascus to Medina. These offers must be in no later than Sept. 23.

The Technical Committee of the railway will then select the most favourable bid at its meeting in Riyadh, scheduled for the second half of October and this decision will be submitted for approval to the Supreme Commission of the Hijaz Railway, which is composed of the Jordanian and Syrian ministers of transport and the Saudi Arabian minister of communications.

Mr. Taher said that the contract would be signed before

the end of the year. The successful company then has 13 months in which to draw up its feasibility report.

Terms of reference for the study were also approved at this week's meeting of the Supreme Commission in Damascus. The successful company will be given a wide brief to study the economic advantages of the line to suggest a possible alignment for the track, to propose how many stations will be required and so on.

Neither the financing nor the administrative details of the project were discussed at the Damascus meeting, and Mr.

Taher said that these issues were unlikely to be raised until the consultants for the feasibility report have been chosen.

He added however that he was sure that "all sides are now serious" about going ahead with the project.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian JLD	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	310.00/312.00
U.K. sterling	569.00/573.00
W. German mark	148.70/149.60
Swiss franc	163.70/164.70
French franc	67.50/67.90
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.10/36.30
Japanese yen (for every 100)	143.00/143.90
Dutch guilder	138.60/139.40
Belgian franc (for every ten)	95.00/95.60
Swedish crown	67.10/67.50

Budgets for trade centres abroad discussed at meet

AMMAN, June 15 (JNA). — The Board of Administration of Jordanian trade centres abroad today held a meeting at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce during which the 1977 and the 1978 budgets were discussed.

Minister of Industry and Commerce Hashem Dabbas said that the meeting reviewed the table of distribution of the sum of JD 1,750,000 for the Baghdad centre and the sum of \$2 million for the Cairo centre.

The commercial protocol signed between Jordan and Sudan last Sunday was also reviewed along with the sum allocated for the Khartoum centre and which totalled \$1,500,000.

TRANSPORT MINISTER RETURNS

AMMAN, June 15 (JNA). — Minister of Transport Ali Al Suheimat returned from Damascus today after taking part in the meetings of the Supreme Commission for the reopening of the Hijaz Railway.

Land transport agreement with Greece initialled in Amman

AMMAN, June 15 (JNA). — An agreement aimed at organising transport of passengers and goods between Greece and Jordan was initialled in Amman today. The agreement defines technical specifications and loads of vehicles passing through both countries and the application of national laws in the absence of customs documents. The agreement was initialled for Jordan by the Director of transport at the Ministry of Transport Mr. Ya'qub Haddad and for Greece by Mr. Vassilios Karavias, a director at the Greek Ministry of Coordination and planning.

National childrens organisation discusses merging committees

AMMAN, June 15 (JNA). — The National Committee, for Children an affiliate of the Charitable Societies Union, today held a meeting during which a working plan to merge the different child committees into one was discussed. The new committee will issue publications on guiding mothers in child care. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Arab Womens Union and child education supervisors.

Postal Savings Fund to increase investments by JD 350,000

AMMAN, June 15 (JNA). — The Postal Savings Fund board has decided to increase its share in a number of industrial and commercial establishments by JD 350,000, which will bring its total contribution up to JD 1,500,000. During a meeting chaired by the minister of communications, the board decided to launch a campaign in the rural areas to encourage people to save. The board also reviewed the activities of the fund during the last five months and discussed the possibility of opening new branches throughout the Kingdom.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	1,700	—	6.850	6.800
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	1,548	2.200	2.300	2.250
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	115	1.150	1.200	1.150
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	1,690	—	1.800	1.800
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	712	0.950	1.000	0.950
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	433	2.400	2.500	2.450
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	67	—	—	1.350
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	595	0.850	0.950	0.850
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	1,404	4.500	—	4.500
Livestock & Poultry Co.	JD 3,000	525	—	—	2.750

Total volume traded, Thursday, June 15 JD 8,789

Total number of shares traded 4,627

* 50 per cent of share capital paid.

National News Roundup



Hamah Odeh, President of the National Planning Council (left) and the Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (right) sign a cooperation agreement at the National Planning Council Thursday.

ian, North Korea sign detailed cooperation agreement

AMMAN, June 15 (JNA). — Jordan and the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) signed here today an agreement providing for cooperation in science, education, literature, art, public health, physical education, sports and games, the exchange of publications, radio and television programmes and the exchange of visits in this respect within a cultural programme lasting one to two years. The agreement was signed by the president of the National Planning Council and the ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea in Amman.

SECRETARY

On the happy occasion of the marriage of His Majesty King Hussein to Miss Noor Halaby, The American Women of Amman extend congratulations and best wishes to the Royal Couple and the Jordanian family.

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11:30 Telenovela	
11:50 Encyclopedia	
12:10 Service of the day	
12:30 Religious programme	
12:45 Arabic programme	
12:55 Religious programme	
13:00 Religious programme	
13:10 Feature film	
13:20 Arabic programme	
13:30 Sarah	

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	17:30 Pop Session
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12:20 News Bulletin	18:50 Sign-off

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BBC RADIO

GMT	14:30 Command Performance
05:00 News: 24 Hours	15:00 Radio Newsworld
05:30 Sarah Ward	15:15 Outlook
06:45 World Today	16:00 News: Commentary
06:50 Newsworld; Press Review	16:15 Science in Action
	16:45 World Today
	17:00 World News: Cricket
06:50 Virgo	17:35 Book Choice
07:00 News: 24 Hours	17:45 Sports Round-up
07:30 Sarah Ward	18:00 News: News about Britain
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08:00 News: Reflections	18:30 Virgo
08:15 News: Story	18:45 Outlook
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08:30 News: Press Review	19:45 About Britain
08:45 Music Now	20:00 News: 24 Hours
09:15 World Today	20:30 The Runaway World
09:30 Financial News	21:00 World Club
09:45 Music Now	21:15 Sarah and Company
10:30 Science in Action	21:45 Women in a Man's World
11:00 News: News about Britain	
	22:00 News: World Today
11:15 Face of England	22:25 Financial News
11:30 Anything Goes	22:55 Book Choice; Reflections
12:00 News Summary	
12:15 Cricket	23:45 Sports Round-up
12:45 Sports Round-up	23:50 News: Commentary
13:00 News: 24 Hours	23:15 From the Weeklies
13:30 Radio Theatre	23:30 Modesty Blake
14:15 Letterbox	

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT	18:30 Country Music USA
05:00 The Breaking Show	19:00 News and Topical Report
to on the hour and 28	
06:30 after each hour	19:15 Letters from Listeners
17:00 News	19:30 New York, New York
17:15 This week	19:45 Special English News/ Words and their Stories
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AMMAN AIRPORT

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9:20 Agaba	11:00 Doha
10:15 Jordan, Medina (GSD)	11:20 Cairo
10:30 New York	11:30 Frankfurt, Copenhagen
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Goethe Institute	41893
Soviet Cultural Centre	44203
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Amman Municipal Library	35111
University of Jordan Library	65111
Chapel Museum	36131
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Fire headquarters	22900
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Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najdah roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	31111, 37777
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Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

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American Centre	582-362
Arab Cultural Centre	333-777
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French Cultural Centre	332-692
French Cultural Centre	332-692
Khablat Theatre	332-692
National Museum	114-554
Soviet Cultural Centre	225-445
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Zaheriyah Public Library	111-319

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Jordan Meteorological Department updates techniques to improve forecasts

By Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 15 — The Jordan Meteorological Department has a forecasting accuracy of about 80 to 85 per cent, according to the department's Director General, A. I. Abandah.

In a recent interview Mr. Abandah told the Jordan Times that one of the difficulties in accurate reporting in Amman is the vast diversity in conditions in the area from the airport to Shmeisani.

"In the brief weather report given each day we have to give an accurate forecast for the entire Amman area. But weather conditions on Jabal Amman can differ widely from Shmeisani," he noted.

An example of the diversity in weather is one day when 550 ml. of rain fell at the university while only 200 ml. fell at the airport.

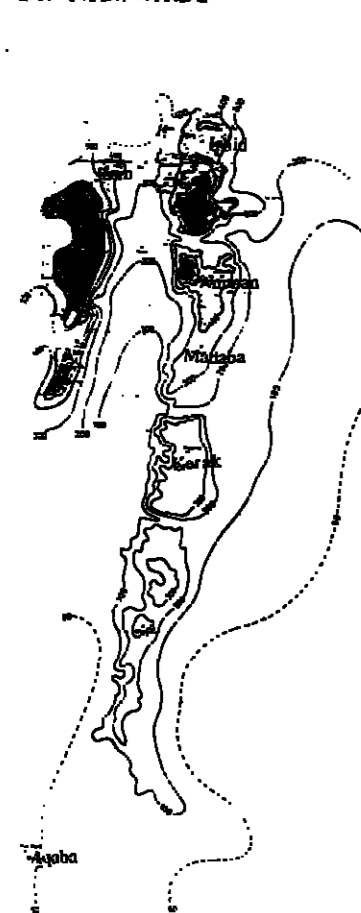
On occasion people have criticised the weather station for reporting scattered showers in Amman when none appeared in their area. "But we would have to make a forecast for every valley and mountain to be totally accurate," Mr. Abandah said.

A good proverb for weather forecasters, Mr. Abandah said is:

If you hit nobody remembers, if you miss nobody forgives. Nevertheless, the Jordan weather department has a standard of forecasting equal to that of most of Europe, he said.

Jordan's weather station was started as a division attached to the Civil Aviation Department at Jerusalem airport in 1952 and Amman airport in 1954. The weather station was then engaged in forecasting weather for aeronautical purposes.

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Map showing mean annual rainfall from Irbid to Aqaba and including part of the West Bank and the eastern deserts of Jordan.

It became an independent department in 1963 attached to the Ministry of Transport. In June 1967 the Jerusalem station fell under Israeli control.

The department developed rather quickly from its initial small team to about 260 employees at present.

The department at the moment has one main synoptic station, one upper air station, eight agrometeorological stations and 30 climatological stations.

Financing comes from the government and all workers are government employees.

Main services

The main function of the weather department is weather observation, forecasting and documentation for civil and military aviation. There are three forecasting offices at Amman airport for civil aviation purposes, one at Mafrak and one at H-5 for military purposes.

A second service the station performs is to study the weather for agricultural purposes. This includes analysing and reporting the effect of the weather and climate upon the planting of crops. The weather department cooperates with the Ministry of Agriculture in this field.

A third function is to supply weather forecasts and warnings to the general public. The station issues a forecast to the newspapers and television once daily and four times daily to the radio. In times of severe weather conditions a warning is issued to the Civil Defence Department.

The fourth service is to give advice and answer inquiries about the weather and climate for engineering construction, town planning, factory planning and tourism. The department also answers personal inquiries. But advising is done on an irregular basis according to the need.

Staff and brain drain

The department boasts an entirely Jordanian staff. At the beginning the department had foreign World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) experts involved in the operation to help raise the standard to that required by the WMO. But since then the department has maintained the operation on its own.

The WMO is an international organisation which links weather stations around the world and maintains world standards by requiring a relatively high standard for membership.

For training new recruits the department has a training centre located in the main station at the airport. High school graduates are eligible to train as weather observers and university graduates for weather forecasters according to WMO standards.

A six-month training programme is required for all new personnel to become weather observers. However, a weather observer must conclude a further nine months of training to qualify as a forecaster.

Asked if the department encountered any major problems, Mr. Abandah noted that staffing was the biggest problem. "It is difficult to find people willing to work in remote stations."

Another problem has been the increasing brain drain of workers leaving the department to take jobs either inside or outside Jordan. This has had a very drastic effect on the department. People have left from all areas of the work: forecasters, observers and technicians.

As a matter of fact the former director general left and is now the project manager for WMO in North Yemen.

"The department has been a big exporter of qualified staff over the past few years. Many of the weather bureau staff in Kuwait are former employees," Mr. Abandah said.

According to his record, 24 forecasters and 24 technical assistants trained here and are now in the Gulf.

Another problem facing the department is the extended period it takes to become a forecaster. A forecaster needs at least three years. Once graduated from a university, it is necessary to take a six-month course to become an observer and another nine-month course to become a forecaster followed by a period of on-the-job training. This is not attractive to many people.

At the moment the department has a team of 20 forecasters all with degrees in physics and mathematics.

The department is now working on plans to train foreigners in forecasting. North Yemen has expressed interest in having seven of its people take the nine-month course.

The training centre last month graduating 17 students as weather observers.

Instrumentation

The weather station acquires its information from four types of instruments: traditional, mechanical, electrical and telecommunications equipment.

The traditional and mechanical equipment includes the thermograph for recording temperature, the anemograph



This equipment is used for receiving satellite photos of cloud formations.

for recording wind velocity, the hygrograph for recording humidity and the barometre for measuring air pressure.

Electrical equipment is also used for measuring temperature, wind velocity, humidity and air pressure. Remote electrical sensors are used in measuring visibility and cloud base.

The department has a telecommunications system to collect, receive and transmit information. The station is linked to its sub-stations around Jordan by a transceiver network. Jordan is linked to the worldwide WMO network by teleprinters, facsimile, transmitters and teleprinters.

The station makes use of an artificial satellite to get daily photographs of the distribution of clouds and frontal systems. The department started using the satellite photo system in 1973. Mr. Abandah said the department applied for the new APT (automatic picture transmitter) system in 1977 and expect it at any moment. The new satellite and photo transmitter system is American supplied. The present system provides nine photos each day. But the new system will give a photo every six minutes, making weather analysis easier. Also the photos from the new APT system are more detailed and clearer.

Mr. Abandah said the density of weather stations in Jordan is sufficient for the WMO requirement. Each year the number and quality of stations

is reviewed for modification. In the southeast, in the desert where manned stations are difficult, provisions are being made to install automatic recording stations like those commonly used in the remote polar regions.

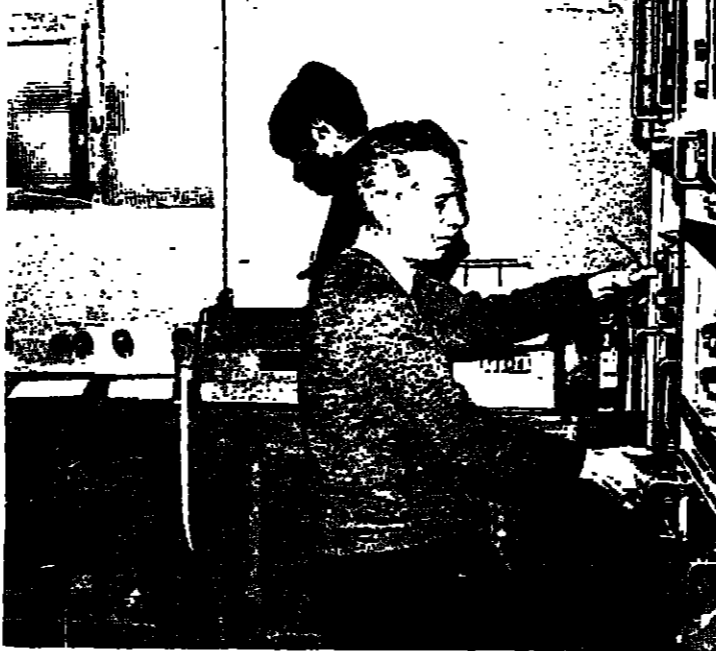
The standard of equipment used in Jordan is almost the same as that in any developed or developing country apart from those using computers in forecasting. But Mr. Abandah noted that there is a chance the department might be able to get a modest computer.

Computer forecasting however is only 50 to 80 per cent accurate while forecasting by an experienced man can be up to 85 or 90 per cent accurate.

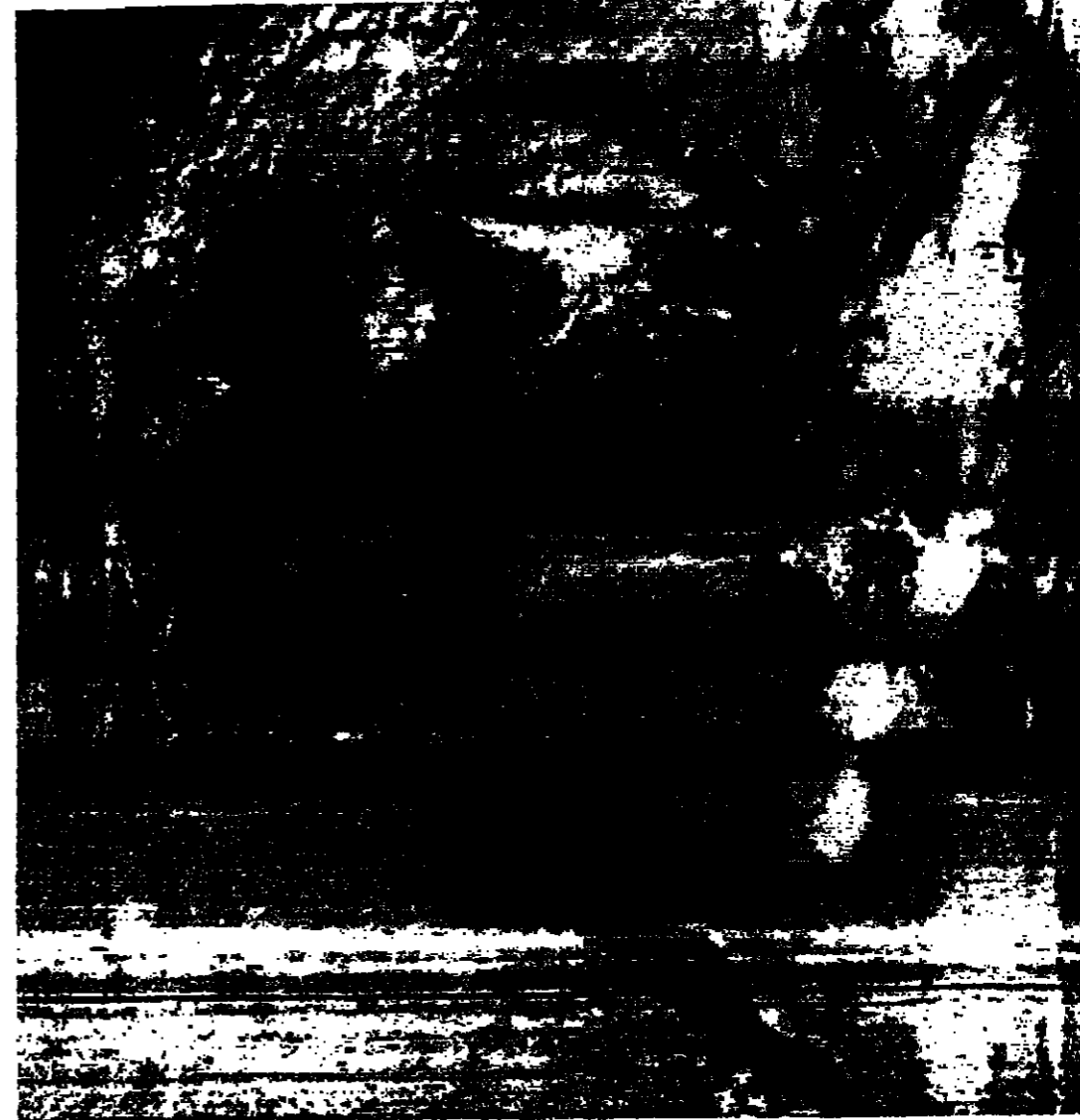
"The standard of forecasting depends on the qualifications and experience of the forecaster. Computer forecasting is less accurate than human forecasting," Mr. Abandah said. The best forecaster is someone who has experience in a particular area for a long time who knows the idiosyncrasies of the region. The computer can only be as accurate and effective as the forecaster who uses it and the quality of the information it is fed.

Jordan's weather

In general there is a big fluctuation in the amount of rainfall from year to year. But in the last ten years the amount of rainfall has been decreasing, with the exception of 1973 which was well above normal.



Technicians maintain the telecommunications system.



A Videcon satellite photo depicting cloud formations over the Middle East. The U.S. NOAA 5 satellite now in operation circles the earth every one hour and 56 minutes transmitting nine photos of the region daily. Each photo covers 2,500 square kms. The Sinai Peninsula can be seen in the centre with Africa on the bottom left.

The average annual rainfall in Jordan is 300 ml. But the average can fluctuate from 120 ml. in a bad year to 460 ml. in a good year.

The temperature in the last ten years has also been decreasing although it had been increasing after the 1940's.

Mr. Abandah attributes the temperature increase after the 1940's to an increase of carbon dioxide in the air due to the increased burning of fuels. The temperature decrease in this decade he attributes to the increase of aerosols in the air.

The meteorological department has one air pollution station in Shobak. Air pollution, Mr. Abandah says, is not a real

problem in Jordan, in general, except in Amman where at certain periods during the winter the combined effect of the heating, cars, small factories and big factories such as the cement factory, phosphate factory and the refinery raise the pollution level.

The pollution level is especially high in the valleys in Amman where the smokes accumulate with a higher concentration.

Mr. Abandah believes the level of pollution is bound to increase with the increase in industrialisation.

In his three years at the Meteorological Department Mr. Abandah has developed a formula for forecasting seasonal rainfall in Jordan. The formula, based on 25 years of records from eight stations representing different parts of Jordan, forecasts at the beginning of November the rainfall to be expected before April. The formula is of particular interest for Jordanian agriculture as it gives farmers an accurate look at what amount of rain to expect and how much to plant.

The formula is based on an analysis of a number of factors in the Mediterranean region over the month of October. Mr. Abandah presented the formula and his study at the National Water Symposium held in Amman in March 1978.



Mr. Abandah takes a reading on the device for measuring rainfall.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good time to coordinate your efforts better with those with whom you have special projects and make important decisions. You have the vital energy and determination to put such plans across so that they work in the future.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Talk over mutual affairs with associates and then follow through with the work that has to be done by you. A better understanding with loved one is possible now.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take care of chores so you have more free time with partners. Come to a better understanding with co-workers also.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make social plans for later and then get busy at the tasks ahead of you. Be more cooperative with fellow workers. Show more thoughtfulness for loved one.

MOONCHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Handle matters at home diplomatically and wisely. Early evening is best for recreation with close friends.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study bills, statements for accuracy. Handle family affairs intelligently. Make sure the basic structure of your life is on a more firm basis.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good time to handle financial affairs now that you are thinking clearly. Get ideas across to others well also. Spend some time visiting with good friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan early how to gain your personal aims and then get into business dealings wisely. Take health treatments you may need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study what you don't understand so that later it's full speed ahead with your work. Find a new way to please mate, loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Put that plan to work that will bring your personal aims closer. Try to assist a good friend who is having trouble. Get all the facts first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Get backing you need from a bigwig. Show you are receptive to what others have to say. Make the most of this information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get the information you need so that you get a new ingenious interest started. Plan that trip you have in mind before you start your work.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Sort out bills and pay the most pressing ones.

World Football Cup New favourite Holland defeats Austria 5-1

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 15 (AP). — It's goals that win the World Soccer Cup. Johnny Rep of Holland, Dirceu of Brazil and Mario Kempes of Argentina each scored two as the second round started and the hopes of their teams went sky-high. Holland scored five against Austria, and suddenly became the new favourite. Goals can lift a team's spirits like champagne.

"Holland is the team to beat," said Enzo Bearzot, coach of Italy, one of the Dutch squad's most serious rivals.

"It gives a team a big psychological advantage to win by a big margin as Holland did today," said Claudio Coutinho, manager of Brazil.

On the other hand West Germany, the defending champions, appeared pleased to hold the highly rated Italian team to a 0-0 draw. It was the Germans' third scoreless tie in four games since the tournament started -- and coach Helmut Schoen went out of his way to deny it was part of a plan.

"Our strategy is not purely defensive," Schoen said. "We very much wanted to win. It would be false to claim that we set out to defend."

But Sepp Maier, Germany's 34-year-old veteran of three World Cup campaigns, is the only goalkeeper in the tournament who has not yet conceded a single goal.

The second round is played in two groups of four teams, with the top team in each group going into the final at Buenos Aires' River Plate Stadium June 25.

First matches in the second round Wednesday ended like this:
Group A:
Holland 5, Austria 1 -- at Cordoba.
Italy 0, West Germany 0 -- at River Plate, Buenos Aires.
Group B:
Brazil 3, Peru 0 -- at Mendoza.
Argentina 2, Poland 0 -- at Rosario.

The best goals of the day were scored by Kempes of Argentina. They carried his team through to victory despite an almost continuous bombardment of their goal by the Poles.

In the 15th minute he raced at full speed into the penalty, got under a long high ball and headed down into the corner of the net.

In the 72nd minute he waited through the tough Polish defence on his own for a solo goal.

Dirceu's pair for Brazil were also impressive. The first was a free-kick, blasted in from outside the penalty area. The second was from 25 metres.

The teams now have three days of rest before the next games Sunday.

Venezuela has oil reserves for 100 years

CARACAS, Venezuela June 15 (AP). — The head of the state oil monopoly said yesterday that Venezuela has enough proven and potential reserves to continue producing 2.2 million barrels a day for 100 years.

Rafael Alfonzo Ravard, President of Petroleos de Venezuela, told a convention of businessmen proven reserves of 18 billion barrels could be increased to 30 billion barrels in the country's traditional fields, which have been producing since the turn of the century. New areas under development offer a potential conservatively estimated at 30 billion barrels, he added.

The minister stressed that this estimate of proven and potential reserves of around 60 billion barrels did not include the Orinoco oil belt. The belt, which runs along the northern bank of the Orinoco River in southeastern Venezuela,

is believed to hold a potential of close to 70 billion barrels of recoverable, tarlike oil.

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Arab oil company will invest up to \$40 million in two NYC areas

NEW YORK, June 15 (AP). — The New York City area of Harlem and the South Bronx share a high unemployment rate that has attracted the attention of an Arab oil company that says it needs workers.

Prudential International Commodities, Inc., based in Beirut, Lebanon, said yesterday it was here looking for workers for construction projects in the Middle East and also hoped to start new business ventures in the United States.

The company announced at a news conference in Harlem that it would invest up to \$40 million in new businesses in Harlem and the South Bronx, areas populated mostly by Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

Roy Inns, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, said Prudential's venture was sought and welcomed by the Black community and the capital would be put to work quickly without the timidity or red tape of American private and public enterprises.

Sheik Hamzi Bedria, Prudential Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said his company wanted to hire immediately 10,000 to 12,000 skilled and semiskilled laborers, such as carpenters and other construction workers. They would be hired on a contract basis to work in the Mideast where the manpower does not exist, he said.

He said Prudential also was looking into the possibility of operating food-canning businesses in New York City and establishing "profit-making" housing in the city's poor areas, both through rehabilitation and new construction.

Prudential will contract with CORE -- the Congress of Racial Equality -- and Dennison Management, a community-based development and public relations organization, to operate the Harlem and South Bronx projects.

He described the deal as "strictly business -- not a political project ... we are absolutely looking for projects to fulfill our needs."

The contract limits the investment to \$40 million, but has no timetable. The new projects probably will start in a few months, he said.

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Three-day anti-pollution conference is attended by 22 Mediterranean cities

Delegates and Experts from 22 seaside Mediterranean cities opened a three-day conference here yesterday to discuss anti-pollution plans to prevent "handing over to the next generation a sea turned into a sewer," as a report said.

The statement was part of an opening paper read by Jean Guyot, the French Secretary General of the Rimini-based "Union of Mediterranean Cities." It was the

third conference organized by the union and was attended by more than 500 delegates and experts from the 18 countries sharing the Mediterranean coastline.

The conference's main aim is to work toward a common approach to the anti-pollution fight.

Mr. Guyot said sewage waters discharged into the Mediterranean were estimated to reach a total of

37 billion cubic meters by year 2000 and that an estimated 14 billion dollars would be needed to process all this sewage water.

But he added money remained a major problem with the current economic troubles of most countries and cities in the area slowing down or cutting into allocations for extensive anti-pollution projects.

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One dollar	U.S. dollars
1.8209/8304	West German marks
2.0858/68	Dutch guilders
2.2440/50	Swiss francs
1.9025/40	Belgian francs
32.89/91	French francs
4.5980/9000	Italian lire
860.25/75	Japanese yen
216.05/25	Swedish crowns
4.6280/95	Norwegian crowns
5.4100/10	Danish crowns
5.6700/15	

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YOU KNOW EARL WRIGHTSON, STAR OF THE NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL?

SURE! I'M WRITING AND ASKING HIM TO SEND US A COUPLE OF SEATS!

AH, THERE'S THE DOOR! ANSWER IT, JEFF!

RING-RING

TWO SEATS. COLLECT! \$6.80

BEING OLD WOULDN'T BE SO BAD IF I WASN'T BALD!

BET, IF I HAD HAIR, I COULD GET ME ONE OF THOSE RICH WIDOWS!

POOR POPS!

WHY DOESN'T HE JUST GIT ONE OF THEM CONVERTIBLE TOPS?

THE BETTER HALF By Barnes

"Maybe she's not really sick, but just pouting because she's found out she was adopted."

COORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH	EAST
♠ Q952	♠ K743
♥ 9643	♥ 5
♦ 8	♦ A J9542
♣ K962	♣ 74
WEST	SOUTH
♠ J1086	♠ A
♥ Q87	♥ A K J102
♦ Q6	♦ K 1073
♣ A J83	♣ K 105

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♠.

The development of the play can be truly fascinating. On this hand declarer reached a three-card end position where East-West held a winner in every suit including the master trump. Yet they could score only one trick! South's decision to jump to four hearts, not vulnerable, is a slight stretch. However, it is quite likely that a trial bid in a minor suit would have resulted in the same contract.

West led the jack of spades, won by the ace. The declarer, Tom Griffin of New York, who is returning to tournament play after an absence of four years, decided that his best chance was to ruff diamonds in dummy. As a precaution to prevent a heart return from

East, declarer first cashed one high trump, then exited with a low diamond toward dummy.

West realized that if East was allowed to win the first diamond trick, he would have no safe return. So West rose with the queen of diamonds and returned a low spade. Dummy's nine forced

East's king and declarer ruffed. The queen of clubs lost to the ace, and the club continuation was taken by the king. On the queen of spades declarer discarded his remaining club, then he ruffed a club in his hand and a diamond in dummy. He returned to his hand with the king of hearts, to bring about this position:

♠ 5	♠ 7
♥ 9	♥ —
♦ —	♦ A J
♣ 9	♣ —
♠ 10	♠ J
♥ Q	♥ —
♦ —	♦ K 10
♣ —	♣ —

Declarer had already taken eight tricks, and despite the fact that the defenders controlled every suit, they were helpless to prevent him from collecting two more for his contract. Declarer led a diamond. If West ruffed, declarer would score his trumps separately; if West discarded, declarer would ruff in dummy and then ruff whichever black-suit West retained.

